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SUBJECT: CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION/LACEY ACT

1. U.S. FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE IS CONDUCTING AN INVESTIGATION OF LEON BERNSTEIN, NEW YORK CITY, DOING BUSINESS AS LEON BERNSTEIN COMMERCIAL CORP, N.Y. AND LEON BERNSTEIN DELAWARE CORP., WILMINGTON, DELAWARE FOR VIOLATIONS OF LACEY ACT, (18 USC 43).

2. IT IS UNDERSTANDING OF USFWS THAT LAWS OF VENEZUELA PROHIBIT EXPORT OF WILD ANIMAL SKINS FOR COMMERCIAL PURPOSES.

3. SOME EVIDENCE HAS DEVELOPED THAT MADECO, C.A., (REIN-ALDO PENSO) CALLE 5 NO 9-104, SAN CRISTOBAL, VENEZUELA HAS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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SHIPPED WHAT WE BELIEVE ARE CAIMAN HIDES AND COLLECTED ON LETTERS OF CREDIT. FOUR TRANSACTIONS ARE KNOWN TO HAVE OCCURRED IN JANUARY 1976 IN THE AMOUNTS OF US DOLLARS 7,525 , 7,525, 1,743.75, AND 7,525. TWO AIRWAY BILL NUMBERS ARE KNOWN. THESE ARE KLM 074-77812221 AND 074-77812291. SHIPMENTS ARE BELIEVED TO HAVE GONE TO JAPAN, FRANCE, AND SWITZERLAND. GOODS WOULD HAVE BEEN DESCRIBED ON AWB AS

"ARTICULOS TIPICOS".

4. INVESTIGATION BY MINISTERIO DE AGRICULTURE Y CRIA TO DETERMINE LEGAL STATUS OF SUCH SHIPMENTS WILL BE APPRECIATED. IF DETERMINED TO BE ILLEGAL, COPIES OF ALL RELEVANT DOCUMENTS SHOULD BE FORWARDED TO USFWS. ALSO SPECIFIC INFORMATION AND COPIES OF VENEZUELAN LAWS VIOLATED WILL BE NEEDED BY USFWS.

5. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF RECEIPT OF THIS CABLE AND TRANSMITTAL TO VENEZUELAN GOVERNMENT REQUESTED.

6. PLEASE CAPTION REPLY: DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR, FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE, LAW ENFORCEMENT DIVISION, T. GROSZ.
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